

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the title is amended.  
Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

An initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the December 8, 2000  
Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the title. The title is amended. Withdrawal of the  
objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Gennaro (U.S.  
Patent No. 5,937,066) and Botham, Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 6,785,812). This rejection is  
respectfully traversed.

In particular, neither Gennaro or Botham, Jr. disclose or suggest rendering a protected  
document, and performing proxy transformation on the rendered document, as recited in  
claims 1-12.

The Office Action admits that Gennaro fails to disclose "rendering the protected  
document," and performing "proxy transformation on the rendered document." See Office  
Action, paragraph 6, lines 10-11. The Office Action asserts that Botham, Jr. discloses these  
features.

However, Botham, Jr. discloses that the document is encoded with encryption data at  
step 220 in Fig. 2. See column 4, lines 13-14. Encrypting the non-protected document in  
Botham, Jr. to create a protected document does not imply or necessitate "rendering" a  
protected document. For example, step 220 in Fig. 2 of Botham, Jr. is not used to display,  
play, print or edit the protected document. Thus, Botham, Jr. does not disclose rendering a  
protected document.

The Office Action also asserts that Botham, Jr. discloses performing proxy  
transformation on the rendered document. However, Botham, Jr. instead discloses using

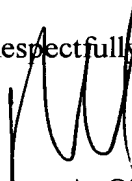
encryption/decryption data to protect a non-protected document. See generally Abstract. In fact, nowhere in Botham, Jr. is proxy transformation on a rendered document disclosed. Thus, Botham, Jr. does not disclose or suggest performing proxy transformation on the rendered document.

Thus, because neither Gennaro or Botham, Jr. disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1-12, any resulting device would not have rendered/edited a protected document that is encrypted and delayed the proxy conversion and decryption to a late stage within the document rendering application so that the document is better protected. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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